

# PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

## Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 135.11, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 82, “Office of Multicultural Health,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments change the name of the Office of Multicultural Health to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health. The amendments also add a statement of purpose for the office and additional language to the rule on responsibilities of the office. All of these changes are the result of legislation passed in 2010.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before August 16, 2011. Such written comments should be directed to Janice Edmunds-Wells, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075. E-mail may be sent to [janice.edmunds-wells@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:janice.edmunds-wells@idph.iowa.gov).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 135.12.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend **641—Chapter 82**, title, as follows:

OFFICE OF MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

ITEM 2. Amend rule 641—82.1(135) as follows:

**641—82.1(135) Purpose.** The office of minority and multicultural health exists to actively promote and facilitate health equity for Iowa’s multicultural communities.

ITEM 3. Amend rule 641—82.3(135) as follows:

**641—82.3(135) Responsibilities of the office of minority and multicultural health.** The purpose of the office is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities by bridging communication, delivery and service requirements and by providing customized services and practical approaches to problems and issues encountered by organizations and communities working to address the needs of these populations. The office of minority and multicultural health shall provide public health leadership regarding existing or potential issues or practices that can or could affect the health status of racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural individuals and families, immigrants and refugees. The office shall provide this leadership through the core functions of (1) education; (2) advocacy; (3) data management; (4) technical assistance and consultation; and (5) training and development. The office is responsible for the following:

**82.3(1) to 82.3(3)** No change.

**82.3(4)** Providing technical planning assistance to communities and counties throughout the state and promoting community strategic planning;

**82.3(5)** Advocating ~~Serving as the liaison and advocate for the department on minority and multicultural health matters and advocating for Iowa’s racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural communities;~~

**82.3(6)** Creating and promoting a climate of inclusiveness in the public health sector on state, regional and local levels by partnering with ~~its~~ the office’s racial, ethnic, and linguistic multicultural constituents in Iowa to help them improve their collective health status; ~~and~~

**82.3(7)** Promoting the Iowa public health standards and providing technical assistance and consultation regarding state and local criteria relating to disparate populations and delivery of culturally appropriate services; and

**82.3(8)** Reviewing the impact of programs, regulations and health care resource policies on the delivery of and access to minority and multicultural health services.

ITEM 4. Amend rule 641—82.4(135), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**641—82.4(135) Advisory council.** A minority and multicultural health advisory council shall be established within the department.